

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
October 16, 2024
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

County Sheriff Henery led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Verdigre Eagle newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

County Clerk Fischer read the minutes of the October 2, 2024 meeting. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the minutes of the October 2, 2024 meeting.

Correspondence reviewed was the following: 1.) Letter from Program Manager Doug Christiansen with FIVE RULE Rural Planning regarding public hearings of the Bloomfield Planning Commission and Bloomfield City Council on a blight study and a general redevelopment plan.

The public comment session was opened at 9:45 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$624,730.49 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of September 30 – October 11, 2024. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Fee Report of fees collected between July 1 and September 30, 2024. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Clerk of the District Court September 2024 Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to deny County Burial #2-2024. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Discussion was held on the possible consolidation of Emergency Management with Cedar County. The Cedar County Commissioners will meet on October 22, 2024 and discussion will be held at that meeting on this issue. Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek and Chairman Sokol, Jr. will attend that meeting; 2.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the September Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The public comment session was closed at 9:59 a.m. No one made public comment.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. recessed for Board of Equalization at 9:59 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:12 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Bridge Crew update; 2.) Oil Crew update; 3.) Seeding will need to be completed at the Verdigre North Bridge project; 4.) Discussed the County Bridge Match Program. The County Bridge Crew are allowed to build the match program projects; 5.) Center line stripping is near completion. Discussed was the cost; 6.) A NIRMA Assist Grant application will be submitted for the purchase of air jacks for the Mechanic's Shed; 7.) Discussed a skid loader rotary chopper to be used along the Rec Road. No action was taken; 8.) Sealed bids will be advertised on the sale of a 500-gallon used barrel; 9.) Bridge inspections have started.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek continued with the following: 3.) Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to approve Administrative Plat Application #2411 Jason Lockman on a lot split of Lot 6 and the South 20 feet of Lot 4, Grandview Estates. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4.) Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Application for Permit to Install Pipeline or Service Line Beneath a County Road in the North Half of Section 8, T30N, R7W for Kent Pavlik and Kevin Leningen. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5.) The Board of Adjustments met recently, and a Task Force meeting was held with the fire districts.

Officials update was given by the following: 1.) County Clerk Fischer informed the Board that the 2024 General Election ballots were taken to the Center Post Office on this morning of October 16, 2024. As per statute, this was the earliest date that the regular by-mail ballots could be mailed; 2.) County Sheriff Henery is still looking for someone to fill dispatcher/jailor positions; 3.) County Treasurer Ebel said that October and November are slow months for revenue, so officials are encouraged to keep costs low.

Supr. Mackeprang left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce to go into closed session at 10:41 a.m. to discuss pending litigation on the North Fork Wind lawsuit. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried. Also present was Zoning Administrator Jelinek. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the closed session will be held on pending litigation on the North Fork Wind lawsuit. The Board came out of closed session at 11:37 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to close at 11:37 a.m. the closed session held on pending litigation on the North Fork Wind lawsuit. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 104,451.25; B&H Publishing Inc., publishing, 181.20; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 14.80; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 32.01; City of Crofton, 2020 Dodge Durango, 35,000.00; CMart, gas, 14.54; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,858.81; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 24,431.36; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 29.00; Creston Fertilizer Co. Inc., weed chemicals, 2,538.06; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 611.76; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 472.00;

Derrick Barr, meeting/mileage, 81.28; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 48.33; Ecowater, bottled water, 365.50; Elections Systems & Software, election coding/layout/media, 3,408.47; Farm & Home Publishers, plat books, 260.00; Grager's Grocery, jail food, 954.12; Great Plains Communications, tower internet/phone/internet, 1,212.95; Holt County Independent, publishing, 164.30; Jody McFarland, meeting/mileage, 45.10; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to C&C Development Fund, 12,500.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 144.97; Lois Kumm, jail food, 8.00; Lori Ebel, reimburse supplies, 68.98; Manion's Drug Store Inc., meds, 25.41; Marsha Neumann, reimburse gas, 36.64; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS Inc., programming, 878.86; Moody Motor Company, repairs, 43.00; Norfolk Area Shopper, publishing, 77.25; North Central Public Power District, tower electricity/electricity, 2,335.53; O'Neill Shopper, publishing, 366.30; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 2,987.66; Platte Valley Communications, radios, 689.25; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 1,098.09; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 171.28; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filter/repairs, 322.89; Region IV Inc., quarterly billing, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 7,278.00; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 39.74; Travis Barney, meeting/mileage, 42.42; US Cellular, cell phones, 185.65; US Cellular, cell phones, 464.94; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 1,818.38; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 212.23; Vic's Service LLC, tires, 792.59; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, publishing, 416.90.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 37,328.10; Art's Garbage, garbage, 18.00; B's Enterprises Inc., signs, 640.00; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 4,896.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 23.24; Bloomfield Auto Parts, oil, 107.97; Bohemian One Stop LLC, gas, 499.03; Brody Chemical Inc., solvent, 3,625.09; CHS, gas/diesel, 3,001.06; CMart, gas, 233.55; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,809.42; County of Kox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 10,497.64; Country Market, shop supplies, 19.95; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 524.46; Dollar General, shop supplies, 24.15; Emerson Manufacturing, air jacks, 2,725.00; Farmers Pride, diesel, 6,363.61; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 39.98; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 7,736.96; J&J Sanitation, garbage, 49.00; Jebro Inc., road oil, 51,404.17; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 59.99; Kathleen Fritz, reimburse title/tire fee, 19.00; Kayton International Inc., repairs, 357.48; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 510.12; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 219.27; Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 56.62; LTL Holdings Inc., gas, 235.29; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel, 1,293.75; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 36.86; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 403.38; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filters, 708.30; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,463.95; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Santee Utility Commission, garbage, 65.00; State of Nebraska Motor Fuels Division, gas tax, 2,090.00; Straight-line Striping Inc., centerline striping, 45,539.15; Sucha Repair, oil/grease/oxygen/acetylene, 423.83; US Cellular, cell phones, 542.91; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 177.95; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 158.74; Verdigre Farm Service, oil/gas/diesel/def, 964.83; Vic's Service LLC, gas/ shop supplies, 326.84; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.00

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 168.91; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 81.00. **VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Lewis & Clark SRA, promo grant, 1,000.00.

ROD PRES./MOD FUND. MIPS Inc., computer program, 389.88.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,771.02; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 135.48; Creative Revolution, website, 249.99; Growing Small Town Nebraska Podcast, advertising, 300.00; NEDA, dues, 150.00; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 119.54; US Cellular, cell phones, 123.24.

INHERITANCE FUND. Cedar County Transit, public transit, 2,100.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to from Inheritance Fund to General Fund, 200,000.00; Mark D. Albin, court appointed attorney, 1,780.29.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. City of Norfolk, networking, 44.74; Motorola Solutions Inc., maintenance, 2,494.45; OPTK Networks, networking, 228.44.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. City of Norfolk, networking, 104.38; OPTK Networks, networking, 533.04.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. Motorola Solutions Inc., maintenance, 5,820.40.


TOTALS

General Fund	\$217,741.80
Road Fund	189,393.89
Child Support Fund	249.91
Visitor's Promo Fund	1,000.00
ROD Pres./Mod Fund	389.88
C&C Development Fund	2,849.27
Inheritance Fund	203,880.29
911 Emergency Fund	2,767.63
911 Wireless Service Fund	637.42
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	5,820.40
Total	\$624,730.49

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:38 a.m. on October 16, 2024 until Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Supervisors' minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:


Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By 
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman
